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Devaraja Market to be DEMOLISHED

Minister Byrathi Suresh says all heritage buildings belonging to Government which are structurally weak to be razed & re-built

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&BS)- Amid the raging debate over the fate of heritage buildings in the city, with the erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore and heritage experts divided in their opinion, the State Government seems to have made its mind finally to raze and rebuild Devaraja Market, one of the prominent heritage buildings on Sayyaji Rao Road in city, with Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, dropping a hint in this regard.

Byrathi Suresh

The Minister was speaking to media persons on his arrival in the city this morning to visit Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill and Srikanteshwara Swamy Temple at Nanjangud in the district.

Suresh said, "Devaraja Market will be demolished and reconstructed and the works are expected to begin in three to four months. All the heritage buildings that are on the verge of collapse will be demolished soon and rebuilt. The tenants, including the traders running business in those buildings, will be re-allotted the shops. There is no need to worry about this."

It may be recalled that, a portion of Devaraja Market building had collapsed in August 2016.

(See MARKET on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled "New light on world order — India will be confident and comfortable with America under Trump." — Ed

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 21st February 2025

Bharatanatyam performances to mark Nirantara Kalemane Festival

Vidu. Mathura *Vidu. Jyothi* *Vidu. Smriti* *Vidu. Bismi Shine*

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised the 52nd International Nirantara Kalemane Festival at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage on Feb. 22 at 4 pm.

Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji of Sri Vangipura Nambi Mutt will be the chief guest. Guru Mathura Viswanathan, Founder & Director of Kaladhaara Arts Academy, California, USA, will be honoured with 'Kalemane Kalashree' Award. Following this, a Bharatanatyam performance will be presented by KPAC, disciples of Guru Mathura Viswanathan, Guru Jyothi Pattabhiram & Dr. P. Sadhanashree of Sadhana Sangama Dance Centre, Bengaluru and Guru Smriti Ramesh Kaushik, Artistic Director of Vismaya School of Learning and Vidu. Bismi Shine, disciple of Guru Jayalakshmi Eshwar, Mysuru.

Disciples of Guru Mathura Viswanathan and Guru Jyothi Pattabhiram.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

THE POWER OF LISTENING: ***Tiruvalluvar says, "The wealth of all wealth is the wealth of hearing. It outtops all other wealth." Be it saint poets or scriptures, the power of listening to good things is unparalleled, especially in Kali Yuga, when people are constantly pressed for time and find it difficult to engage with the divine at length. True wisdom and full spiritual awareness come only when one hears discourses, with whatever resources one has at hand, said S. Perundevi.***

Parikshit benefited more from listening to the discourse of sage Suka, than the discourser himself. Sage Narada spoke eruditely on various things, including the efficacy of devotional service to the Lord, and Prahlada, who heard it all when still in his mother's womb, imbibed it all and went on to live a virtuous life, gaining Vishnu's protection.

Rukmini is another torchbearer of the efficacy of *sravanam* ***(listening to discourses), as detailed in Srimad Bhagavatam. About to be given away in marriage to Sisupala, at the insistence of Rukmi, her brother, Rukmini sent a messenger with her prayers to Krishna, the only one she wanted to wed. She sent a missive of seven verses, saying, "If I have acquired any merit by the worship of the Supreme Being, through the practice of charities, religious rites, and the teachings of elders and teachers, may my hand be held in wedlock by none but Krishna." Krishna answered her prayers. Anjaneya is the ultimate exemplar of*** *sravanam.* ***When Rama invited him to accompany Him to*** *Vaikuntam* ***upon completion of His mission in this world, Anjaneya opted to remain on earth, it being the only place where he could hear spiritual discourses and*** *Rama namam.* ***To him,*** *sravanam* ***is heaven.***— *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

QR code stickers appear on graves

Munich: More than 1,000 stickers were put on gravestones and wooden crosses at three cemeteries in the southern German city of Munich.

The stickers, which have been put on both old and recent graves, have a QR code that when scanned shows the name of the person buried and the location of their grave in the cemetery.

The 5x3.5-centimeter (1.95x1.2-inch) stickers surfaced in recent days at the Waldfriedhof, Sendlinger Friedhof and Friedhof Solln cemeteries.

"We haven't found any pattern behind this yet. The stickers were put both on decades-old gravestones and very new graves that so far only have a wooden cross," Police spokesperson Christian Drexler said.

Man's slide chart collection earns world record

Harrisburg: A man earned a Guinness World Records title for his collection of some unusual curiosities: slide charts.

Dale Rupert, a resident of Harrisbur said he started collecting slide charts — handheld paper or plastic items that help with common calculations — when he found a box for sale at a used bookstore in 2002.

"I pulled one up. I thought, 'Oh, that's sort of cool. I think I'll get that.' And as I thought further, I realised, 'I can get this box for under 10 bucks.' And that's when the collection began," he said. Rupert's collection includes charts designed to convert measurements, track NFL football schedules and even a 1970 Miss Clairol chart for determining formulas for hair colouring.

He earned Guinness Record for the largest collection of slide charts by submitting 1,111 eligible charts to be counted.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Managing a dental injury: If a tooth is knocked out, rinse it gently, and place it back in the socket if possible. Seek dental or medical care immediately.

By Dr. Devamatha Priya Darshini B.B. - Dentist - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Film actress Rajani Bharadwaj inaugurates Silk India Show

Mysuru-born film actress Rajani Bharadwaj inaugurated Silk India-2025, a grand display and sale of silk, cotton and other varieties of sarees at Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, in city yesterday. The show will be open to visitors till Feb. 25 between 10.30 am and 8.30 pm. Abhivruddi Silk India-2025 Organiser Abhinand was present on the occasion.

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Yesterday's level **115.40 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,276.28 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,837.00 feet**
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- *Cats are believed to be the only mammals who don't taste sweetness.*
- *Cats are nearsighted, but their peripheral vision and night vision are much better than that of humans.*
- *Cats are supposed to have 18 toes (five toes on each front paw; four toes on each back paw).*
- *Cats can jump up to six times their length.*
- *Male cats are more likely to be left-pawed, while female cats are more likely to be right-pawed.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

John: *Can you lend me Rs. 5,000?*
Paul: *No, I can't.*
John: *Oh! I was only joking.*
Paul: *But I am serious!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= **Rs. 86.66**
1 UK Pound	= **Rs. 109.84**
1 UAE Dirham	= **Rs. 23.59**
1 Euro	= **Rs. 90.97**

VOICE OF THE READER

Trench excavation cuts access to Telecom Layout residents

Sir,

I am writing to you on behalf of the distraught residents of Telecom Layout in Bogadi 2nd Stage.

A road contractor has dug up a trench across the only entrance to the layout without leaving any space even for pedestrians, let alone two-wheelers.

There was no planning or consultation on this overnight development. As a result, we are left stranded and have to take a 2-km detour just to be able to leave the layout.

We residents are at a situation where no emergency vehicles like ambulances or fire engines can reach safely.

Could the authorities concerned expedite the closure of this excavated trench and restore connectivity to the layout as soon as possible?

—**Arjun Manjunatha**
Bogadi 2nd Stage
20.2.2025

Free eye check-up camp on Feb. 23

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (MTY&DM)- A free eye check-up camp has been organised under the aegis of Karnataka Samskrutika Mattu Sahitya Parishat at Town Hall in city at 11 am on Feb. 23.

Announcing this at a press meet, Parishat's City President Dr. Moulya said the camp has been organised in association with ASG Eye Hospital, marking the second anniversary of the Parishat. Following the eye camp, a Karnataka Fashion Show-2025 has been organised at 3 pm. There is no age bar for people to take part in this fashion show, she said.

During the eye check-up camp, spectacles will be distributed free of cost for 100 needy patients, she added.

Parishat office-bearers Tejas Prithviraj, Ameena Begum and Hemalatha and ASG Hospital's Muzeer were present.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs.Shalini DS & Mrs.Shushma DS

who successfully completed the great **Prayagraj & Kumbhamela yathra (from 7th to14th Feb).** Two sisters who drove their car 4800 kms starting from Mysore to Prayagraj (Arail Ghat) to Chitrakoot (Janaki Kundh, Ram Darshan) to Ujjain (Mahakal Mandir) to Shirdi (Sai Mandir) to Shani Shingnapur to Kolhapur (Mahalaxmi Mandir) and they were accompanied by Kumari Mrunalini & Mr. Paramesh Kumar.

Let god bless them with more strength to accomplish future endeavors.

Best wishes from : Dr. Kantharaju, Subhodh, Abhijin Tanay, family & friends.

'Arthavyuha' Finance Club at Daksha

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Daksha First Grade College, Mysuru, inaugurated its Finance Club "Arthavyuha" at the college's Cultural Hall recently.

Dr. Shivakumar, Assistant Professor, MBA Department, VTU Regional Centre, was the chief guest.

P. Jayachandra Raju, Chairman of the Global Education Trust, Dr. M.B. Mahesha, Principal and H.R. Arpitha, IQAC Coordinator, were present.

The inauguration began with a trailer showcasing the Club's vision and activities. The dignitaries launched "Arthavyuha" by unveiling its logo. The new initiative aimed at enhancing students' financial literacy and providing industry exposure.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Shivakumar praised the initiative, highlighting its potential to offer real-world financial insights. He stressed the importance of smart work, financial independence and understanding economic principles.

Dr. Shivakumar** (second from left), **Assistant Professor, MBA Department, VTU Regional Centre, seen launching the logo of "Arthavyuha" along with** (from right) **Dr. M.B. Mahesha, Principal, Daksha First Grade College, P. Jayachandra Raju, Chairman, Global Education Trust and H.R. Arpitha, IQAC Coordinator.

Jayachandra Raju, in his presidential speech, emphasised the growing importance of financial awareness in today's fast-evolving and competitive world.

He highlighted that financial literacy is not just a skill but a necessity for making informed decisions, ensuring stability, and achieving long-term success.

Expressing confidence in the Club's young and dedicated team, he encouraged students to actively engage in various activities, develop a strong foundation in finance and apply their knowledge effectively in real-world scenarios.

Disruption in power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Owing to emergency maintenance work at RK Nagar Power Distribution Centre, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas:

Tonachikoppal, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Aravindnagar, Kuvempunagar M-Block, KHB Colony, Aniketana Road, Paduvana Road, Saraswathipuram 2nd to 4th Main Road, Vishwamanava Double Road, Panchamantra Road, M-Block Library, Panduranga Temple, Vivekanandanagar, EWS Ganapathy Temple, Canara Bank, B.G.S Balajagath School, SBM Colony, Shiva Temple, Surya Layout, Nimishamba Layout, Kandayanagar 3rd Stage, Giriyappa Ningegowda Layout, Mahalingeshwara Temple, Kabini Layout, SMS School Layout, Hamsa Layout 1st Stage, Gagana Shekar Layout, Huli Narayanappa Layout, Bhavya Bharati Layout, MDCC Bank Employees Layout, T.K. Studio Layout, Kandaya Layout 2nd Stage, Tapovana, Annapurna Layout, Srirampura, Preethi Layout, DVG Layout, T.K. Ram Layout, Chidananda and Raksha Layout, RK Nagar K-Block, Vasu Layout, MUDA Employees Layout, Madhava Park E and F Block, Janatanagar, Sharadadevinagar, Niveditanagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Gangothri, HUDCO Layout and Sub-Registrar Office.

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 4th quarterly maintenance works at Suttur, Golur and Devanur Power Distribution Centres, there will be no power supply tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm at Nagarle, Beligere, Mallupura, Suttur villages and Gram Panchayat limits; Mahadevanagar, Golur, Vidyapeetha, Geehalli, Horalawadi, Basaveshwaranagar, Alambur, Alambur Munti and Hosuru villages; Tagaduru, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande villages and GP limits, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers, VV Mohalla and Nanjangud Divisions.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Jashne-e-Sandal-o-Urus Shariff

The annual Sandal Urus Shariff celebration of Hazarath Imam Sha Wali, will be held tomorrow at 7 pm at the Dargah shrine on Krishna Vilas Road, near Lokayukta Office at Devaraja Mohalla in city. Fatha Khwani, sandal paste, spreading of flower mat and Darud-o-Salam will be offered at the shrine. Dinner will be provided to the devotees and participants. [Mob: 98453-02996]

KALIKE- Workshop series from Feb. 28

KALIKE - a hands on workshop series, designed for aspiring artists, crafter, entrepreneurs, students (from grade 8 onwards) or anyone looking to start a hobby and wishing to be a hobbyist entrepreneur has been organised on every Fridays and Saturdays staring from Feb. 28 at GSSS Engineering College on KRS Road in city. Those interested can enrol their names for Kumiko, Mosaic Lino Cut, Athangudi, Stain Glass Pop Carving, Puppet Appliqué, Tie and Dye, Furniture and Sand Casting. For details, call Mob: 72598-15981.

Health, eye check-up camp

As part of the first anniversary of **Kalike Education Trust,** a health and eye check-up camp has been organised at the Trust premises in Vijayanagar 4th Stage on Feb. 23 from 9 am to 1 pm. Also, a free workshop on education is organised, according to Trust Co-Founder Amulya Nagendra.

Swarna Nrusimha Datta Sai Peethika Seva Trust: The Trust has organised a free health check-up and distribution of medicines at Sri Venkatarjuna Dhyana Mandira on Bannur Road, on Feb. 23 from 8 am to 1 pm. Expert doctors will conduct the health camp and medicines will be distributed free of cost. For details, contact Mob: 81979-02468 or 99456-07981.

Obituary

Hemanth

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Hemanth

(37), an employee of AT&S and a resident of Girinagar in Alanahalli, passed away following a heart attack on Wednesday night in city.

He leaves behind his father Hemanna, mother, wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday afternoon, according to family sources.

Mysureans reel under 'early summer'

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (PM&BS)- Even before the onset of summer season, the sweltering heat in the city indicates that the summer has set in advance in the ongoing month of February. As per the weather forecast for the current year, summer season begins in the month of March and exists till the end of May.

To add credence to the experience of early summer condition, the maximum temperature on Feb. 18 was recorded at 33 degrees Celsius according to Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), that may touch 34 degrees Celsius in the coming days. In the preceding days, the maximum temperature was recorded on an average of 34 degrees Celsius to 35 degrees Celsius, against the minimum temperature of 30 to 31 degrees Celsius, normally experienced in the month of February, considered as winter season.

The maximum temperature recorded on Feb. 14 was 34 degrees Celsius, which was considered as the highest ever in the month of February in the recent years. This has impacted normal weather condition, forcing the people to reel under the sweltering heat. When compared to the temperature recorded during the corresponding months of the previous years, there is an increase of maximum temperature by 3 degrees Celsius this year.

Though the sunrise is experienced with a mist, the sun continues to hover on the top as the day progresses, blowing hot wind, increasing warm conditions in the night, resulting in the people sweating. There have been instances of people falling sick due to heat conditions.

The change in weather pattern is attributed to the global

warming, the new challenge on the horizon, that has been sparked a wide debate in the recent years, that adduces at the prevailing weather condition to stay for a few more days, observed G.V. Sumanth Kumar, Technical Officer, Agro-Meteorological Field Unit (AMFU), Naganahalli, Mysuru.

He said, there is no indication of rainfall at least in the next five days in the district, but the maximum temperature is expected to be in the range of 33-34.1 degrees Celsius and minimum temperature of 17.6 -18.7 degrees Celsius. The moisture in the wind in morning hours will be about 75-89 percent and afternoon moisture will be 22 - 30 percent. The wind will be blowing at the speed of 1.5 - 2.2 km per hour.

Farmers are advised to adopt irrigation system and after watering the crops, the possibilities of water drying up should be controlled by covering the rows and horticultural crops and vegetable crops with hay stack. The menace of insects will be high at this stage and to get rid of them, the farmers should contact Raitha Samparka Kendra or the experts in Agriculture Department.

Owing to the sunny condition, the plants dry fast and should be watered frequently followed by regular monitoring of the water supply. Following the harvest of crops, to avoid fungus and insects, the crops should be dried up, before stocking them, advise the experts, who suggest, shelter for livestock, along with adequate drinking water facility, quoting the veterinarians.

Owing to imbalance in the nature and extreme weather conditions, the summer has advanced, contributing to the rise in heat conditions. During the previous summer, El Nino effect was felt resulting in the increase in temperature, with the maximum temperature touching 40 degrees Celsius. But still, there won't be a repeat in maximum temperature like previous year, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

– G.V. Sumanth Kumar,
Technical Officer,
AMFU, Naganahalli

Be cautious with your diet, health

Following the increase in heat conditions, people should be cautious with their diet, to maintain their health. The water intake should be more and so also the consumption of liquid diet, as any amount of negligence during this condition may lead to the spread of virus causing fever, diarrhoea and other health issues.

It is better to avoid going out and the kids and elders should take precautionary measures, advise the doctors.

To beat the heat, people are resorting to soft drinks, ice cream and tender coconut. Tender coconut is being sold at Rs. 40 - Rs 50 each and watermelon is much in demand.

Man ends life in city

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&KS)- A 52-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at a park in Jayanagar and the incident came to light when walkers saw the body hanging in the park this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Nanjappa, a resident of Jayanagar 9th Cross, who was running a bicycle repair shop. The reason for Nanjappa to take the extreme step is not known.

Ashokapuram Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

No load shedding this summer: Minister K.J. George

Nelamangala, Feb. 21 (Agencies)- Energy Minister K.J. George has said, measures have been taken to supply 19,500 megawatt power or more in the State in the forthcoming summer, with no possibilities of load shedding.

He was addressing the gathering after laying foundation stone for the construction of 220 kv power sub-station at Basavanahalli, here on Wednesday.

The electric line in the State is about 10 lakh km, with 6 lakh transformers. When there is a repair in the electric line, it is natural for the people to complain about power cut. However, adequate power is available, with the chances of resorting to load shedding being minimal, added Minister George.

About 50 to 60 sub-stations are being constructed in the State, with the plans afoot to add 100 more sub-stations in the coming years. Preparations are on to build 2,000 megawatt power storage facility in Sharavathi, by producing hydel power. Apart from the existing Solar Park at Pavagada in Tumakuru, another Solar Park is planned on 10,000 acres of land, with the farmers ready to part with the land. By implementing this project, it is aimed at finding a permanent solution for the electricity related grievances, added George.

Gas pipes destroyed in fire

Nanjangud, Feb. 21 (KS)- A large quantity of pipes meant to supply gas to houses, which were stored at Srikantapuri Layout 16th Cross in the town, has been destroyed in a fire.

It is learnt that fire was lit to a garbage heap, which spread towards the pipes and cables of CCTV cameras of a nearby house, all worth about Rs. 3 lakh, destroying them completely. Fire and Emergency Services personnel, led by Thomas, who rushed to the spot, doused the fire and prevented it from spreading further.

Mysuru ZP CEO

K.M. Gayathri transferred

S. Ukesh Kumar is new ZP CEO

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Mysuru ZP CEO (Chief Executive Officer) K.M. Gayathri is among several IAS officers transferred by the Government yesterday.

Gayathri has been posted as the Chief Operating Officer (Operations), National Livelihood Mission (NLM), Bengaluru, relieving R. Ramachandran of Concurrent charge.

S.Ukesh Kumar has been appointed as the new Mysuru ZP CEO, replacing Gayathri.

K.M. Gayathri

Ukesh Kumar

Ukesh Kumar, a 2018 batch Karnataka cadre IAS officer, was serving as Deputy Secretary to Government, DPAR (Services) at Bengaluru.

Woman killed as bike hits scooter

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&KS)- A 26-year-old woman, who had sustained serious injuries when a bike hit the scooter she was riding, succumbed to injuries at K.R. Hospital in city.

The deceased is Abhilasha, an employee of a private firm and a resident of Shadanahalli in city.

On Feb. 19 night, Abhilasha was returning home on her scooter and when she took a right turn to head towards Chamundeshwari Layout, opposite to J.K. Tyre, three persons, riding triple on a Royal Enfield bike, who came on KRS Road, rammed into the scooter. Meanwhile, public who were present at the spot, caught hold of the riders and began to assault, resulting in the riders fleeing from the spot leaving behind the bike. The public then summoned an ambulance and shifted the seriously injured Abhilasha to K.R. Hospital, where she succumbed to injuries.

V.V. Puram Traffic Police, who have registered a case, took bike riders Premkumar, Sujith and another person into custody and are investigating.

Udayagiri stone-pelting incident

Police prepare to banish man for derogatory social media post

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&BCT)- The Mysuru City Police are preparing to banish Satish alias Panduranga whose derogatory social media post against a religion recently triggered stone-pelting incidents at Udayagiri.

The Police authorities have begun proceedings to banish him from the city for a specific period. Udayagiri Police Station Inspector K.N. Sudhakar, citing Section 55 of the Karnataka Police Act, Case No. 18/2025, Section 299 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita identified Satish as the cause of the disturbance.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) and Special Executive Magistrate M. Muthuraju has filed an application in the City Court seeking his banishment.

Following this move, the Court issued a notice to Satish. Intelligence gathered from Police informants and Special Branch personnel indicates a potential threat to Satish's life, his family and property, with officials cautioning that miscreants might exploit the situation to further disrupt law and order within the Police Station's jurisdiction.

The notice states that the investigation revealed that Satish has a criminal history and consequently, Inspector Sudhakar has recommended his banishment from Mysuru City for a specified period to preserve public order and tranquillity.

Following this, the Court ordered Satish to appear and present his explanation. DCP Muthuraju warned that failure to appear would result in ex parte proceedings against him. In compliance with the Court's order, Satish appeared before the Court yesterday and requested more time to submit his explanation. The Court granted the extension.

Moulvi arrested

Meanwhile, the Police have arrested Mufti Mushtaq Makhtoli, a Moulvi from Udayagiri, for delivering inciting speeches that allegedly triggered stone-pelting incidents at the Udayagiri Police Station. His provocative speech went viral on social media, following which he went into hiding.

Yesterday, Udayagiri Police tracked him down and arrested him. He was then presented before the Court, which remanded him to judicial custody.

Shakti scheme crowds buses with women

KSRTC steps in finally; reserves seats for men

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&BCT)- In a bid to provide relief to men frequently travelling standing inside Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses, particularly after the implementation of the 'Shakti' scheme that offers free travel for women, the Mysuru City Division has instructed its staff to enforce seat reservations for men more strictly.

Since the launch of the 'Shakti' scheme, State-run buses have seen a significant surge in female passengers, effectively turning them into 'women's buses' due to the free travel benefit.

This shift has led to growing frustration among male commuters who, despite paying for tickets, are often left standing for long distances of 60-70 kilometres as most seats are occupied by women.

Vishnuvardhan, a resident of Mysuru, voiced his frustration after repeatedly travelling standing in city buses. In his complaint to the KSRTC Mysuru Division, he highlighted the lack of available seats for men, urging authorities to allocate seats specifically for them.

Responding to the complaint, the Divisional Controller of the KSRTC Mysuru City Division H.T. Veeresh has directed bus staff to ensure that men occupy the seats reserved for them. They have also been asked to submit reports on the measures taken to address the issue.

Henceforth, the front seats will be reserved for women, while the back seats will be occupied by men. This arrangement will follow a first-come, first-served basis. Passengers who board the bus last will inevitably have to stand.

Currently, KSRTC buses designate seats exclusively for women, with no clear indication of reserved seats for men. Although the Government mandated that 50 percent of the seats be reserved for men after implementing the 'Shakti' scheme, this is not being consistently enforced.

Male commuters have pointed out that the absence of clear signage for reserved men's seats often leads to conflicts when they request women to vacate other seats. Commuters are urging KSRTC to provide better clarity on seat allocations to avoid misunderstandings and ensure a fair seating arrangement for all.

Defunct lift adds to patients' woes at District Hospital

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (MK&BS)- Several months have elapsed since the lift of the District Hospital on KRS Road in the city has gone defunct, leaving the patients and their caretakers, especially the elders, severely inconvenienced.

The 250-bed District Hospital was constructed at the cost of Rs. 75.32 crore at the premises of PKTB Hospital (Sanatorium) at Metagalli and was dedicated to the public, four years ago. In a short span, the lift has gone out of operation, forcing the visitors irrespective of age to take the stairs to climb the other floors of the hospital building.

The building includes, basement, ground floor, first floor, second and third floors, with the gradual increase in the inflow of patients. However, despite the repeated requests, by the patients and staff of the hospital to repair the lift at the earliest, the grievance has fallen on deaf ears.

The hospital has several departments like- Mother and Child Care, Outpatient, Urology, Neurology, ENT, District Surgeon, Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Special Ward, General Ward, Dialysis and Dental Department.

The patients on dialysis feel it stressful to climb the stairs and have to endure the tiredness.

The overall footfalls at the hospital per month is estimated at 500 in patients including 70 out-patients per day, who feel it difficult to climb the stairs.

Apart from the elders, the physically disabled patients rue over the difficulties they face in climbing the stairs, but there are none to hear their woes.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

New light on world order

India will be confident and comfortable with America under Trump

With Donald Trump as President of America, it is important to understand the emerging new geopolitical order of the world. New ideas to make America an imperial power in the world seem to be surfacing in the Trump camp. Most of these ideas are originating from "intellectuals who are techno-optimists," according to Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary. Which is why Trump has embraced many leading lights of the Silicon Valley, at the head of them all is Mr. Elon Musk, who are influencing Trump's policies. According to these "techno-optimists" the life-line to human advancement is technological advancement, with Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the acme.

For this new technological warriors, Democracy is a road block for technological advancement and as a corollary to human advancement. The checks and balances now inbuilt into the democratic political system under a Constitution will inevitably be disrupted under the rule of these techno-warriors.

Under this kind of a situation, we will be in a dystopian society or will come under a new world order. This advanced technology, including AI, will be in the hands of these technology barons (one of Donald Trump's son's name is Barron!) who, in connivance with the politicians, will manipulate the masses for political support.

In the past, we have seen the rich and the industrial giants influencing the government with their own lobbies. During Nehru's days we had heard of Birla lobby, Tata lobby and the like. Later Ambanis became the most powerful influencers of the government, any government.

Writing in *Business Standard* of 19, February 2025, Shyam Saran states that according to a former Silicon Valley entrepreneur Mr. Curtis Yarvin, the governments have become dysfunctional and democratic governments even more so. As a result they are incapable of delivering good governance to facilitate growth and prosperity. Therefore, Mr. Yarvin suggests that the government be run like a successful Corporation headed by a powerful Chief Executive Officer (CEO). I guess now Donald Trump is the CEO of America, the world's most successful Corporation!

Only an autocratic leader, no matter what kind of government it is, can produce result. Mr. Yarvin gives the example of the Apple iPhone where the CEO was a strong man and an autocrat and the result is there for the world to see. Probably, Trump and Musk must have derived inspiration from CEOs of such giant Corporations of America and elsewhere in the world. Now Trump and Musk are working to apply this formula in running their country and the world too!

Together they may be revamping the present status quo American administration that is sunk into the rut carrying the painful and burdensome baggage like the USAID and Deep State. It is not surprising Trump did not waste a day in giving pause to these two departments of evil under the newly created DOGE — Department of Government Efficiency headed by Elon Musk.

According to Shyam Saran, Trump 2.0 is going to be very different from Trump 1.0. The (democratic) system of checks and balances is being subverted and it is now an 'imperial presidency.'

Whatever it be, as for India and its internal security, the abandoning of USAID (which spent millions of dollars to disrupt 2014 and subsequent Parliamentary election to defeat Modi) and the Deep State (that supported the Shaheen Bagh year-long protest of farmers and other violent protests) is a blessing from Trump to his friend Modi. No doubt the recent visit of Modi to meet Trump so early after his victory augurs well for our country on issues like trade, tariff, purchase of weapons, immigration, terrorism and such bilateral matters.

However, the ability of America under Trump to inflict harm to 'friend and foe alike,' as Shyam Saran opines, is to be taken seriously by India. But to link that apprehension of harm to the way the Indian **illegal immigrants** were treated (when they were deported) is not proper and right.

What should concern India is Trump's reported apathy towards Quad, intended as a bulwark against China's hegemony and threat it poses to the region. This despite America being a member of Quad along with Australia, India and Japan. This will harm India geopolitically, no doubt.

However, there is hope. Knowing Trump's soft corner for India and his friendship with Modi, he will not tolerate China's military confrontation with India. Trump will surely tame China and ensure security of Asia-Pacific region.

In like manner, European countries too are deeply concerned about America's affinity and new-found love for Russia and China. According to Shyam Saran, Trump believes "he can do a deal with both." Like our Sam Pitroda of Congress saying that China is not India's enemy etc., Trump's Vice-President JD Vance had said that neither Russia nor China was a threat to Europe. No wonder, Europe will not be there in the forthcoming negotiation between Trump and Putin about Ukraine War.

Very aptly Shyam Saran calls this negotiation as the later day Yalta. It is about the Yalta Conference held in 1945 February over the World War II. There, only the heads of three governments, namely America, England and Russia, met to discuss the post-war reorganisation of Germany and Europe. Now, after Donald Trump's Victory II, England is kept out of this "later day Yalta." Trump thinks Ukraine and Gaza wars and world's problems could be solved by a meeting among the US, Russia and China. India must be watchful but not worried.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US President Donald Trump at White House on Feb. 13, 2025.

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Devaraja Market to be Demolished

(Continued from page 1)

Stating that he would be conducting a meeting of officers regarding the development of Mysuru, Minister Byrathi Suresh said that, following instructions from the Chief Minister, he has issued orders for white topping a stretch of 55-km of road in the city on the lines of Bengaluru, with a Detailed Project Report (DPR) expected to be prepared soon.

Besides, Rs. 750 crore has been released for Underground Drainage (UGD) works alone, the Minister said.

MUDA sites case

On Lokayukta Police giving a clean chit to CM Siddaramaiah and his family members in MUDA 50:50 alternative sites case by submitting an interim B-report to the High Court yesterday, he said, he had hinted about CM coming out clean in the scam. BJP and JD(S) leaders have no shame, as none including the Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa, who had made a series of allegations, didn't turn up, when I dared them to take a vow before Goddess Chamundeshwari, to prove their charges.

Answering to a query about the Opposition party leaders, who have been relentlessly questioning the credibility of Lokayukta to file a probe report against CM, Suresh said, there cannot be a stronger probe agency than the Lokayukta, which has brought many guilty to book.

The report in CM's case is accurate, he said, defending the Lokayukta Police.

"There is nothing to fear about, either for CM, his wife and also myself, as we haven't committed any wrong. There are confusions with regard to 50:50 site scheme, which is under probe. Let's wait till the outcome of the report of One-Man Commission headed by Justice P.N. Desai, probing into the scam. We have requested the Commission to frame the guidelines, which is expected to provide clarity about the scheme. While there is no question of sparing those who purchased sites illegally under the scheme," said Byrathi Suresh.

He also denied the frequently made allegations that he had covertly carried away 141 files from MUDA, following the emergence of the site scam.

On shifting of files

In a mocking tone, the Minister said, "It's not a puffed rice packet to carry the files with ease. The BJP leaders have been levelling the charges and better ask them. It seems they only might have shifted the files in a clandestine manner."

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Mohammed Furqaan

'Rebel' BJP leader Yatnal visits Chamundi Hill Temple

Places file before deity, makes offering of Rs.1 lakh in cash to temple *hundi*

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (BLU&DM) - Days after he replied to the notice issued by the BJP High Command over his outbursts against State BJP Chief B.Y. Vijayendra, BJP dissident MLA and senior party leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal visited Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in city this morning and paid obeisance to the presiding deity.

Yatnal offered special prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari by placing a file before the deity and performed *archanas* in the name of his family members. However, the contents of the file were not immediately known and he left the Hill Temple without addressing media persons.

Yatnal's sudden and unannounced visit to the Hill Temple has surprised many BJP leaders of the city, even as the State BJP unit is grappling with dissidence, which has shown no signs of abating, despite the intervention of Party High Command.

Unhappy with Yatnal's continued tirade against Vijayendra, the BJP High Command had issued a notice to him a fortnight ago, asking him to reply within three days. But Yatnal took his own time and replied to the notice days after the deadline ended, with pressure mounting on him to reply. Yatnal is said to have offered Rs.1 lakh in cash to the hundi of the temple .

Woman goes missing

Savitha

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (KS) - A 47-year-old woman, who left her house in Ramakrishnanagar 'H' Block on Feb. 8 at about 10 am, has since gone missing. The missing woman is C. Savitha, who is undergoing treatment for mental disorders.

Those having any information about the missing woman, may contact Kuvempunagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418324 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

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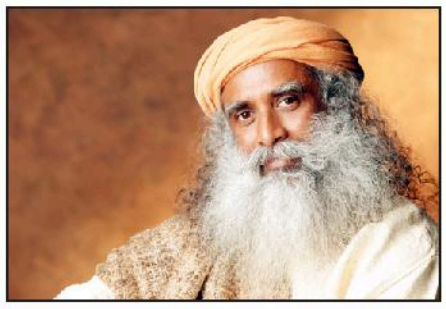


By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

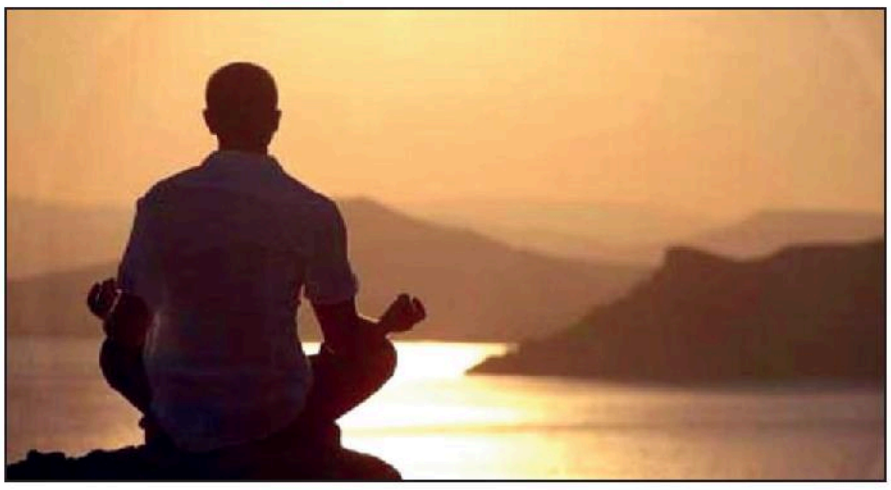
The Purpose of Life

I am often asked, 'What is the purpose of life?' If a person were blissful at this moment, he would never have this question. If just sitting here and breathing was ecstatic, it would never arise. Only when life has become burdensome do we have these 'To be or not to be' questions.

It is because human beings have not realised the immensity of their existence that they are constantly looking for 'meaning'. Only someone who has paid no attention to life and has paid too much attention to his mind asks such a question. The problem with human beings is they are so full of themselves that they think there must be some grand hidden purpose.

What more grandeur do you need than the way life is right now? If you look a little deeper, you will see that every cell, every atom in the trees around you is a cosmos by itself. It is the grandest thing that's happening. It is a fortune that you are given access to it; that you are allowed to live in its lap. It is so enormous, so intricate, so fantastic, it does not need any purpose.

Every human being has a thirst to be boundless. Something within you is longing to break boundaries. This thirst



is not created by you; it is just life longing for itself. This is life's purpose: it is trying to expand into its unboundedness. It wants to find its original nature. We're just seeing how to find the way: this is all that spirituality is.

The purpose of existence is to exist. Right now human beings feel they have to go somewhere or do something to feel substantial. If we bring sufficient awareness into the world, a day can come when people can feel complete as they are. No education, no culture, no learning, no spirituality, no God, nothing is needed. If they just sit here they can feel blissful. Once people know the joy of their existence, they will not ask for anything more.

At present, if people have to be happy, they have to do a million things. Whatever they do — their education, career, business, marriage, family, everything — is in pursuit of happiness. This is simply because they are not in touch with existence.

If you want to find the purpose of your life, just learn to enhance this life to its maximum potential. Most people don't even know what life is. In your experience, all you have is a body and mind. Start by making them as pleasant as you can. Only when your body and mind are in a state of pleasantness, everything in you works at its best. If you manage to remain in a continual state of blissfulness for twenty-four hours, even your intelligence will double. There is enough medical evidence to substantiate this.

Have you spent a single day in your life without a moment of agitation, irritation, anger or anxiety? Almost everyone would say no. If you are not blissful one day, that's understandable. But not having been blissful for a single day means that something very fundamental is wrong.

The problem is just this: without understanding the fundamentals of what this human mechanism is you are trying to operate it. It is like getting into a car without knowing what the three pedals are. If you just kicked any one of them, do you know what a jerky driver you would be? Right now your well-being is this jerky. You know moments of joy, love, bliss, ecstasy, but you are not able to sustain these. You are trying to operate your life without understanding the sophistication of the mechanism that you are handling.

If you could just sit here for one moment and experience the magnificent nature of your being, you'd know you don't have to do anything. Just being alive is grand enough ▪

Yaduveer couple's second son named 'Yugadhyaksh Krishnaraja Wadiyar'

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (MTY&BS)- The naming ceremony of Mysore Royal Family Member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar couple's second son was conducted at a traditional ceremony held under the supervision of Palace Priests here on Wednesday.

Yaduveer is also the sitting MP of Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency.

The four-month-old baby was christened as 'Yugadhyaksh Krishnaraja Wadiyar' at Kannadi Thotti of Mysore Palace. As per rituals, Yaduveer couple repeated the name thrice in the ear of the baby.

Being a private ceremony, the close relatives including the parents of Trishikha Kumari were invited, restricting the general public and Palace staff from attending the ceremony. The Police had provided adequate security for the ceremony.

On Oct.11, 2024, Trishikha had delivered the baby boy at a private hospital in city. The birth of the baby coincided with Navaratri festivities, with Yaduveer performing Ayudha Puja, followed by visarjane of Kankana (sacred cloth tied to wrist). The couple has an elder son named Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar, aged seven, who was born in Dec. 2017.

According to the priests, the name Yugadhyaksh Krishnaraja Wadiyar can be split into four words and the meaning can be elaborated as follows:

Yuga means Lord of the Era: There is a mention of four Yuga in Sanatana Dharma. They are: Satya Yuga, Treta Yuga, Dwapara Yuga and Kali Yuga.

Dhyaksh means, one who is capable, having expertise and skills or honest, which can also be understood as a leader of a group.

Krishna: The word Krishna is derived from Sanksrit, meaning 'Black' in complexion or handsome. The baby boy born in the family, with a history of worshipping Krishna, is named after the Lord, who grows as a confident person, being merciful towards others. **Wadiyar:** The king, who belongs to Yadu Vamsha or Yadava lineage.

Sugama Sangeetha Programme at Alwar Kala Bhavan tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 21- Sri Krishna Ganasabha has organised P. Kalingarao and Sugama Sangeetha Programme, under the direction of Prof. S. Mallanna, at Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, 6 pm tomorrow (Feb.22). Poet Jayappa Honnali will be the chief guest.

Prof. Mallanna is a well-known singer. By profession, he was a teacher and worked at JSS College as Professor in English for 30 years. But his interest in light music has earned recognition. He has sung in more than 500 concerts.

Prof. Mallanna has adopted the style of noted singer Kalinga Rao and P.B. Srinivas. He is called Junior Kalinga Rao.

He has sung more than 100 songs in a workshop held in commemoration of Kalinga Rao.

Apart from singing songs from Kannada films, Prof. Mallanna has composed music for many songs written by noted Kannada poets.

Prof. Mallanna Jayappa Honnali

He has given performance in local, district and National-level Literary Festivals. He has performed in USA and was part of ETV 'Yendu Mareyada e Haadu' and 'Madhura, Madhuravee Manjula Gaana' in Doordarshan, Bengaluru.

Prof. Mallanna is a recipient of many awards including Hoysala award, Rangacharalu award, Rotary Rajyotsava, Karnataka Kalasri award and recently Shishunala Sharif State Award.

Mallanna hails from Chamarajnagara. His father was a Drama Artiste. His wife, Premleela is a poet and a writer, known for chutuku sahitya. His daughter, Kavya and Kavana are good chess players.

'Spouse or Spice Golf Tournament' held in city

Tholasi Jewels Managing Partner T.A. Harshanandana teeing-off the 'Spouse or Spice Golf Tournament' at JWGC Golf Course in city recently. Picture right shows winners of the tournament with Tholasi Jewels family members and others.

Mysuru, Feb. 21 (VNS)- The first edition of 'Spouse or Spice Golf Tournament,' sponsored by city's Tholasi Jewels and organised by Golfing Women's Association (GWA) along with Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) was held in city recently. The tournament celebrated both competition and togetherness, offering a fun-filled experience for participants, their spouses and partners on and off the course.

The tournament was teed-off by Tholasi Jewels Managing Partner T.A. Harshanandana. Participants eagerly embraced the event's unique theme, enjoying an exciting blend of sport, lively games and entertainment, including a performance by a live band. One of the highlights of the event was the Best-Dressed Couple Prize, adding an extra layer of glamour.

With its vibrant atmosphere and innovative format, the 'Spouse or Spice Golf Tournament' created a new tradition in the Mysuru golfing community. Golf enthusiasts and their partners are eagerly awaiting the next edition, making it a highly anticipated annual event.

Tholasi Jewels also launched 'ITALASI', a new brand line, during the valedictory ceremony of the tournament.

Tholasi Jewels Managing Partner Tilak Tholasi, Surekha and Sneha Lakshmi of Tholasi Jewels family, JWGC President Abraham Thomas, Captain M.S. Yeshwanth, GWA members and others were present on the occasion.

RESULTS

Stroke Play Net

Winner: S.G. Prabhu and Jyothi Prabhu (38 Net).

Runner Up: Madhushree Srinivasan and M.S. Tejas Kumar (38 Net).

2nd Runner Up: Prem Jayanna and Anusha (38 Net).

Number of Putts

Winner: Samarth Patel and Bhoomi (14 Putts)

Runner up: Avani Chinnaswamy and Surya (15 Putts).

Champions Trophy 2025

India trounce Bangladesh by six wickets

Dubai, Feb. 21 (UNI)- A scintillating century from Shubman Gill and a five-wicket haul by Mohammed Shami propelled India to a clinical six-wicket victory over Bangladesh in their ICC Champions Trophy 2025 opener at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

India's pace attack made an immediate impact, with Shami dismantling Bangladesh's top order in a devastating spell. Debutant Harshit Rana complemented him well, ensuring Bangladesh reeled at 35/5 inside the first 10 overs.

Axar Patel further dented Bangladesh's innings with a double strike, removing Tanzid Hasan and Mushfiqur Rahim off successive deliveries.

However, Towhid Hridoy produced a resilient counter attack, forging a record 152-run partnership for the sixth wicket with Jaker Ali. Hridoy's 100 off 118 balls not only salvaged Bangladesh's innings but also made him only the ninth player to score a century on his Champions Trophy debut.

Despite their fightback, Bangladesh were bowled out for 228 in 49.4 overs.

Chasing a modest target, India made a steady start with skipper Rohit Sharma scoring a brisk 41 off 36 balls before falling to Taskin Ahmed. Shubman Gill then took centre stage, constructing a masterful innings despite a slow start. His eighth ODI century, achieved in 125 balls, was among the slowest for India in recent years but underlined his temperament and class.

India faced a brief wobble with Virat Kohli (22 off 38) and Shreyas Iyer (15 off 17) falling cheaply.

Rahul ensured India's victory with an unbeaten 41, finishing the chase in style in the 47th over.

India will next face arch rivals Pakistan on Feb. 23 at the Dubai International Stadium.

UoM felicitates sports achievers

University of Mysore (UoM) felicitated 75 sportspersons, who won medals in the All India Inter-University Tournaments 2023-24, during an event held in city recently. The sportspersons were felicitated by UoM Registrar M.K. Savitha in the presence of Finance Officer K.S. Rekha, Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh, Deputy Director Dr. P. Krishnaiah, team coaches and managers.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULT

Bangladesh 228 all out (49.4 overs) lost to **India** 231/4 (46.3 overs)

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WORD OF THE DAY

Flounder

Pronunciation: FLOUN-der (Verb)
Meaning: To flounder is to struggle, whether that struggle is about moving or obtaining footing (as in "horses floundering through deep snow") or about knowing what to do or say.
Origin: There's nothing fishy about flounder... the verb, that is. While the noun referring to a common food fish is of Scandinavian origin, the verb flounder, which dates to the late 16th century, is likely an alteration of an older verb, founder. The two verbs have been confused ever since. Today, flounder is most often used as a synonym of fail, or, in contexts involving a waterborne vessel, as a word meaning "to fill with water and sink." Formerly, it was also frequently applied when a horse stumbled badly and was unable to keep walking. It's likely this sense of founder led to the original and now-obsolete meaning of flounder: "to stumble." In modern use, flounder typically means "to struggle" or "to act clumsily"; the word lacks the finality of founder, which usually suggests complete collapse or failure, as that of a sinking ship.
Example: "In those early days we floundered in a city we didn't know. Tottenham in 1992 wasn't the London we'd imagined. There were no top hats, no smog, no Holmes, no Watson, no ladies, no gents and no afternoon tea. Not for us. We lived in a different London. In our London, people swore and spat, drank, quarrelled and laughed in fretful bursts. They spoke strange words in accents we couldn't parse." —Leo Vardiashvili, Hard By a Great Forest, 2024

THE ODD WORD

Scoptophobia

Fear of being stared at

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Keep Body and Soul Together

Meaning: You use the expression "keep body and soul together" to describe the act of surviving, especially during difficult financial times.
Origin: The phrase 'keep body and soul together' stems from the Christian belief that life lasts only as long as the persons soul stays in the body.
Example: "Grandfather spent his life working the fields just so that he and Grandmother could keep body and soul together."

QUOTE BOX

There is a thin line that separates laughter and pain, comedy and tragedy, humor and hurt. **—Erma Bombeck**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Going Going Going Going	Song

Answer: Going for a song.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Just a question of motive?
4 Earthenware container
7 Estimated life expectancy
10 Airlines Electronic Engineering Comm.
12 Spanish cheer
13 Famous Russian river - "vane" anagram?
15 Board game
17 Six cricket deliveries
18 Move fast
19 Culpability
20 Sever
23 Developed tadpole
25 Singing group
26 Foam
29 A master of __: a professional writer or author?
30 Charged atom
31 Male cat
33 Annually
36 Door handle
37 Walk wearily
38 Small, flat, thin piece
39 Assumed name
42 By way of
43 Bath powder
44 Pay out
49 Egyptian symbol of life
50 BSE deal
51 Separate out
52 Suffix denoting place or ownership ?
53 Cleopatra is said to have died from its bite
54 Jeer or deride

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

	T	K	O		T	A	U		T	B	D	
G	E	N	E		R	L	S		A	R	A	L
N	E	E	D	L	E	S	S		K	A	L	E
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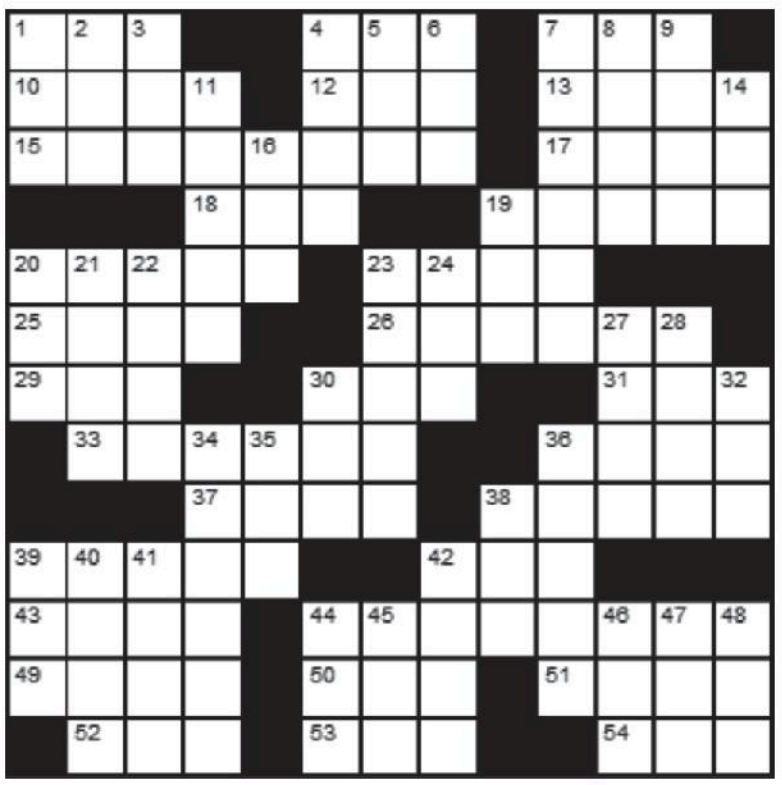
DOWN

1 Pad of loose material
2 Of a female
3 This is an affirmative answer
4 Jazz legend ___ Coltrane
5 Ultimo, in short
6 Ground Earth Station
7 Sufficient
8 Jewish family name
9 Daredevil Knievel
11 Unusual item
14 Skill in painting or drawing, for instance
16 Staying power or pluck
19 Obtained
20 Rockers Stone Temple Pilots
21 Quarry
22 Queue
23 Rock group Pink ___
24 Managed
27 Sicilian volcano
28 Castle in chess
30 Intl. Labour Org.
32 English honour, for short
34 American Red Indian
35 Literary monogram
36 Popular German name - "Sulak" anagram?
38 Lie
39 One __ __ time (singly) ? (2,1)
40 Narrow road
41 Kinds, types or sorts
42 Initials on a brandy bottle
44 Diameter, in short?
45 Indian Police Service, acronym
46 Steal from
47 Standing Room Only, abbr.
48 WWII zone



SUDOKU

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9				8	4			
		4			9	6		
	2	7						4
	1			5			6	
6						5	8	
		2	8			9		
			7	2				1
	3				6			

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	9	1	8	5	7	6	3
8	6	7	2	9	3	4	1	5
1	5	3	4	7	6	9	8	2
4	7	6	3	1	8	5	2	9
9	8	2	7	5	4	6	3	1
3	1	5	9	6	2	8	4	7
6	3	4	5	2	9	1	7	8
7	9	8	6	3	1	2	5	4
5	2	1	8	4	7	3	9	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZYFAMSVSQC... ZAY JMEFJ SN WS ELLEMQPMQ ZAY

XSLVO ZAEZ XY OSM'Z AETY ZS YUKYLPYMFY PZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Our chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do what we can.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
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- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
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  Dragon (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Max (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
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- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
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  Vishnu Priya (K) - 4 Shows
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DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Chhaava (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am, 4.25 pm
	(S-3)	7 pm
	(S-4)	1 pm, 7 pm, 10.15 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	(S-1)	7.35 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	(S-1)	10.25 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	(S-2)	10.10 am, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Vidaamuyarchi (Ta)	(S-2)	4 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-3)	10.20 am
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
Nilavuku En Mel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddhi (K)	(S-4)	10.15 am
Eddelu Manjunatha - 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Nangu Love Agidhe (K)	(S-1)	11.05 am
Forest (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Nodidavaru Enanthare (K)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Chhaava (H)	(S-2)	1.20 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.50 am, 9.15 pm
Navami (K)	(S-4)	11.05 am
Olavina Payana (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 4 pm, 10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.40 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	11 am
Bromance (Ma)	:	12.30 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	1.15 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	3.25 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Captain America (E-3D)	:	4 pm
Nanagu Love Aagidhe (K)	:	4.30 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	6.35 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	6.40 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.10 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
The Wild Robot (E-2D)	:	9.55 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Chhaava (H)	:	8.40 am, 9.05 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm 3.20 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.50 pm 10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.45 pm
Forest (K)	:	3.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Eddelu Manjunatha 2 (K)	:	7.05 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12 noon, 12.30 pm, 3.20 pm 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 7.10 pm 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.10 am, 7.20 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	11 am, 4.50 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 10.10 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	1.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Sanam Teri Kasam (H)	:	4.10 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 10 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm, 10.20 pm
Mere Husband Ki Biwi (H)	:	10 am, 4.10 pm
Bhaava Theera Yaana (K)	:	11.30 am
Dragon (Ta)	:	1.00 pm
Vishnu Priya (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Nimagondu Sihi Suddi (K)	:	2.20 pm
Shanubhogara Magalu (K)	:	5.10 pm
Get-Set Baby (Ma)	:	7.10 pm
Yello Jogappa Ninnaramane (K)	:	7.50 pm
Nilavuku Enmel Ennadi Kobam (Ta)	:	10.20 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 21)

- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale of handicrafts and handloom products, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and JSS Arts, Commerce & Science College, Ooty Road:** B. Veerabhadraiah and Akka Nagaratnamma Endowment Essay Competition and Endowment Lecture, retd. Chief Engineer Shankar Devanur inaugurates, College premises, **2.30 pm.**
- **Department of Humanities, Teresian College, Mysuru, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC):** Valedictory of National Seminar on 'Multi-Disciplinary Research in Contemporary Era: Exploring Innovative Trends,' Dr. Sr. Teresa, former Principal of St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam, Education Councillor of CSST, Bengaluru, chief guest, Dr. Sr. Juanita, Director, Teresian College and Dr. Sr. Rohini, Principal, Teresian College, patrons, Sr. Anitha D'Souza, Manager, Teresian Institutions, Mysuru and Vivek Charles, IQAC Co-ordinator, Teresian College, Mysuru, guests of honour, Ave Maria Golden Jubilee Auditorium, College premises, Siddarthanagar, **3.30 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeeta Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari-12 programme, 'Rukminisha Vijaya Saptaha,' written by Sri Vadiraja Gurusarvabhowma, vocal concerts by Vidwan Anantraj Mistry of Kalaburagi, **5 pm;** Discourse on 'Rukminisha Vijaya' by renowned scholar and Dewan of Sri Vysaraja Mutt Sri Bramhanyacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Desiranga Samskruthika Trust:** Staging of play 'Jalagra,' directed by Krishna Janamana, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Maharatna Trust, Mysuru:** 3rd year anniversary celebrations, valedictory of State-level Group Folk Singing and Bhajan Competitions, valedictory address by Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 22)

- **Department of Industries and Commerce, District Industries Centre (DIC), Mysuru and Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA):** Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurates two-day exhibition and sale of products manufactured by women entrepreneurs, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar & MLA Tanveer Sait chief guests, KASSIA President M.G. Rajagopal presides, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **10 am.**
- **Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial College of Nursing, Mysuru, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru and Trained Nurses' Association of India (TNAI), Karnataka State Branch:** Inauguration of National Workshop on 'Forensic Nursing and Indian Laws,' Prof. Renjulal Yesodharan, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatric Nursing, MCON, MAHE, resource person, Auditorium, Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial College of Nursing, **10.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
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- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** P. Kalingarao and Sugama Sangeetha Programme under the direction of Prof. S. Mallanna, poet Jayappa Honnali chief guest, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru:** Hindustani

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vocal recital by Vid. Ashwin Baliga, accompanied by Ramesh Dhannur on tabla and Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium, Bidaram Krishnappa Rama Mandira, Dewan's Road, **6 pm.**
- **The NEST Pre-School:** Fest-2025, Vijayanagar Police Station Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar chief guest, The NEST Pre-School premises, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Manya Manjunath, accompanied by Vidu. S.A. Divyashree on violin and Vid. Shubang Samaga on mridanga, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Sri Janajagarana Trust, Mysuru:** Sri Ka Sri Nagaraj's 'Vijayi Maharajadhiraja' book release by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Madhava Krupa, JLB Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Devagitam Charitable Trust:** Interaction with Internationally acclaimed violinist Mysore M. Nagaraj, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Illuminating Windows (IW) Team:** Staging of Neil Simon's play "The Good Doctor," Directed by Srilalitha Pamidipati and Dramaturgy by Deepak Subramanya, Kiru Rangamandira (Mini Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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